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Donovan M Dela Cruz
Councilmember
Honolulu Hale
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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

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I hope you ll agree with me that it s simply outrageous and must be defeated.

Please vote AGAINST the bill 40!

Very truly yours,

James L. Blakey (RA,ABR)

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Mary Ann Tamashiro
94-515 Hakea Pl
Waipahu, HI 96797

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The GET is a regressive tax that HURTS most those who are least able to afford it - senior citizens, single parents, poor and working-class families, and the unemployed. Please don't put more people asking for state assistance and more people working 2 - 3 jobs just to meet their needs. Don't let children of Hawaii suffer.

I hope you'll agree with me that it's simply outrageous and must be defeated.

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Very truly yours,

Mary Ann

Elizabeth Rahr
1517 Makiki Street #1505 CITY CLERK
Honolulu, HI 96822 HONOLULU, HAWAII

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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

CITY COUNCIL
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My husband and I are fortunate senior citizens where we do not have to make the hard choices between buying medicine or buying food; between paying the telephone bill or buying food; between paying the electric bill or buying food. We have met and talking with these senior citizens who have to make these tough choices. Others will try to stretch out their prescription. We knew of a lady who did that. Instead of taking the one pill 4x's a day as prescribed she took one pill 2x's a day. The cost of the pills were too high and she did not want to burden her family. She died because of it. Please do not add to the burden of these forgotten senior citizens. They really do not have enough income to live on. The choices they make everyday in their standard of living is life and death. Please vote "NO" to the GET increase.

Peace be with you.

Mahalo.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Rahr
947-2221

roxanna sewell faith
58-711 iho place , apartment #1002
aiea, hi 96701

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Meka mahalo a nui

roxanna sewell faith
808-488-0185

Rosa Chiang
6600 Kalanianaʻole Hwy, #114
Honolulu, HI 96825

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You have been elected to work hard for the people. There are some councilmen or councilwomen who are basically working for themselves, after election. I think they really need to rethink their position.

I anticipate your strong efforts in voting against bill 40. Your integrity and caring for people will shine. Thank you for your action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Rosa Chih Chiang

Anne Scheffelmanier
59-502 Alapio Road
Haleiwa, HI 96712

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Very truly yours,

Anne Scheffelmanier
808-638-8672

Inder Mirchandani
1044 Iiwi Street
Hon, HI 96816

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Denise Sumimoto
725 Kalalea St.
HONOLULU, HI 96825

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Denise Sumimoto
808-479-6330

Braven Sakauye
98-1873 Hapaki St.
Aiea, HI 96701

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Braven Sakauye

Helen Tomiyau
2638 Liliha Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Helen M.V.Y. Tomiyasu
(808) 285-4262

Daniel Newbill III
46-423 Holololo St
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Very truly yours,

Daniel C Newbill III
228-8434

Ligaya Rasmussen
1066 Kamehame Dr.
Honolulu, HI 96825

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Ligaya Rasmussen
808-383-3130

Michael DeGregory
3219 Beaumont Woods Place
Honolulu, HI 96822

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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

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I do not feel that the GE tax should pay for the transit--this is an unfair tax on everyone and every business. Only a select few will use this rail system. I feel it should be paid by the people that are causing the heavy traffic; therefore, an increase in the gasoline tax would be more logical and equitable. We need to work on minimizing the number of cars per household and I'm sure there are legal ways to do this like paying at the pump. We should be working towards decreasing the business tax burden.

Very truly yours,

Michael DeGregory
846-3370

Steve Stoddard
2345 Ala Wai Blvd. #814
Honolulu, HI 96815

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Steve & Libby Stoddard
808 928-1783

Kwankeung Ching
1677 Hoolana Place
Pearl City, HI 96782

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Kwankeung ching

Gail Greenley
2987 Kalakaua Ave. #201
Honolulu, HI 96815

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Direct Office: 808-738-3940

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Scott Langford
PO Box 721
Haleiwa, HI 96712

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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

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Jerald M. S. Pang
3158 Harding Avenue
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I think that the funding for a Rail Mass Transit System should come from other sources. Like increasing Vehicle Registration, Liquor License, Driver License, Hotel Tax, and Airport Tax, etc. These are the related areas that the funding for Transportation Project should be coming from and not a quick fix RAID from the GET.

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Jerald M. S. Pang
(808) 286-4633